

Promotion of low cost airlines

572. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the market share of various airlines according to Government record;
- (b) whether it is a fact that low cost airlines are ruling the aviation business;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government are taking any steps to encourage these low cost airlines by reducing taxes and providing exemptions;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether this step will help common man to fly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The market share of domestic schedule passenger airlines during Jan-Oct., 2006 are as under:

Indian Airlines	22.2
Jet Airways	32.3
Sahara Airlines	8.8
Deccan Aviation	17.9
Kingfisher Airlines	8.4
Spice Jet	6.7
Paramount	0.6
Go Airlines	2.4
Indigo	0.7

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) to (f) The Government policy does not make any distinction between airlines on the basis of their business model and endeavours to provide a level playing field to all airlines.